

Larry Ochs Sports Complex

Community Meeting

November 12, 2015

City of Colorado Springs, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services

Scott Hall Field of Dreams Foundation

Meeting Agenda

- 5:30 – Welcome
- 5:35 – Introduction of Planning team
- 5:40 – Meeting Purpose, Agenda and Ground Rules
- 5:50 – Process Overview
- 6:10 – Land Suitability Analysis and Key Issues
- 6:50 – Identifying Issues and Defining Success
- 7:25 – Wrap Up / Next Steps

Project Team:

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Staff:

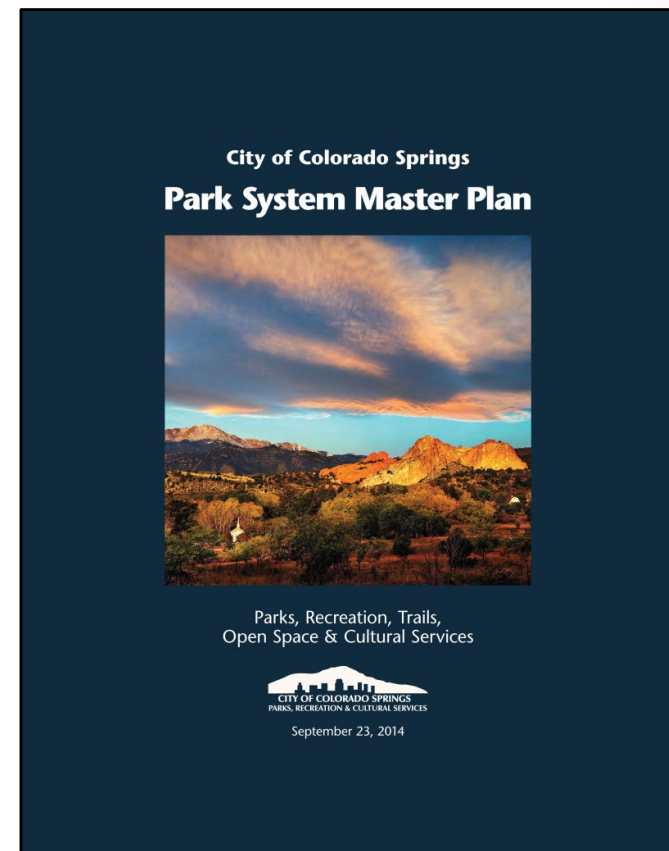
- Karen Palus – Director, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services
- Chris Lieber – Manager, Trails, Open Space and Parks (TOPS)
- Kim King – Manager, Recreation Services
- Kurt Schroeder – Manager, Operations and Design
- Sarah Bryarly – Landscape Architect
- Alex Johnson – Parks Board Representative

Scott Hall Field of Dreams Foundation:

- Craig Ochs – Scott Hall Field of Dreams Foundation
- Andy Stauffer – Scott Hall Field of Dreams Foundation
- Amy Umiamaka – HB&A Architects
- John Olson – Altitude Land Consultants

What is a Parks Master Plan:

- Documents Visions and Goals
- Identifies Land Use and Physical Improvements
- Provides Basis for Future Funding
- Represents Community Consensus

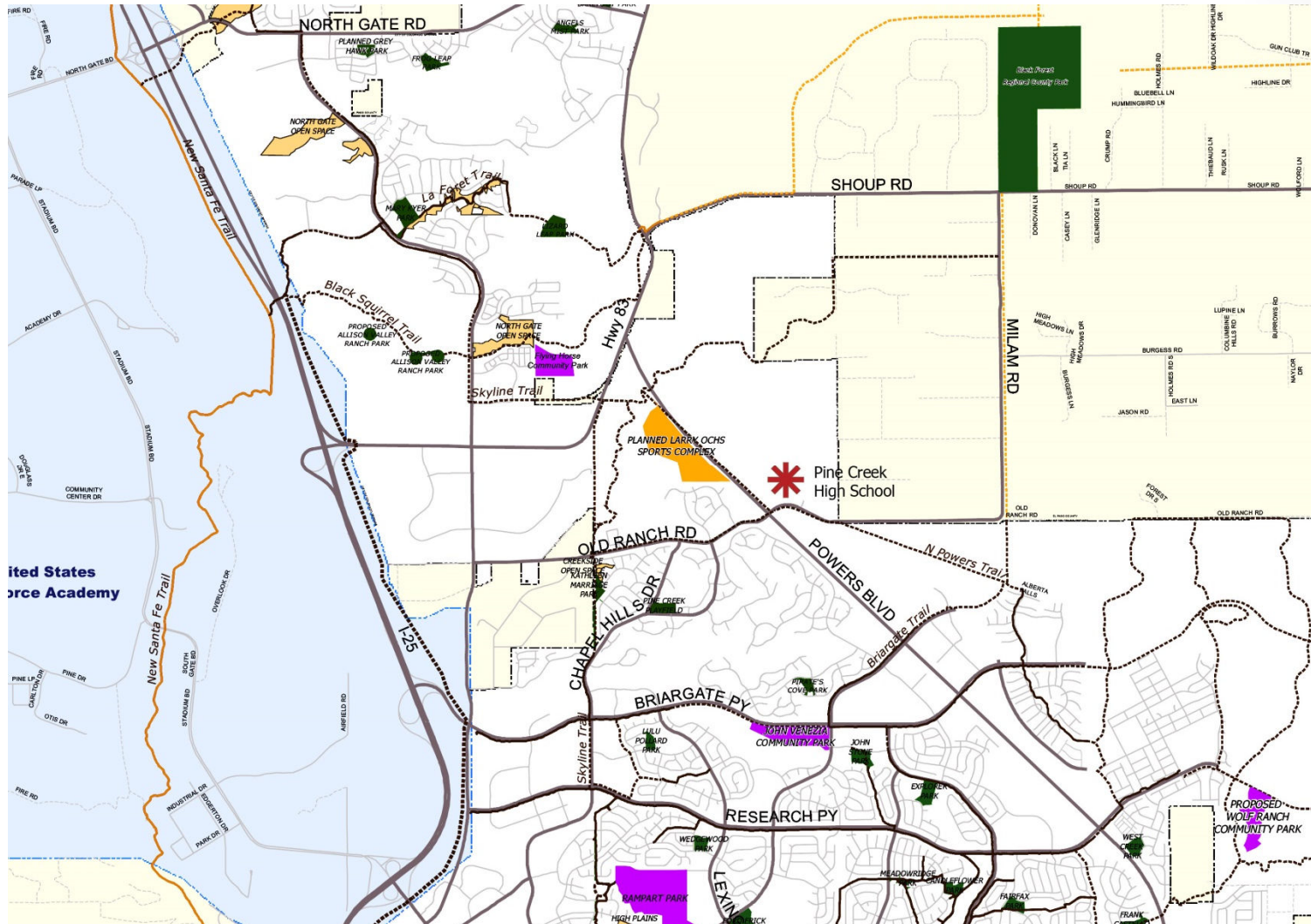


Definition of a Sports Complex:

- Serves Community-Wide Interests for higher intensity use facilities, such as baseball, softball, soccer, lacrosse, etc.
- Emphasis is on sport facility development, with some passive spaces
- Site should be relatively flat
- 20 acres or greater



Larry Ochs Vicinity Map:



Process:

- Community Meetings
 - November 12th, 2015:
 - Presentation of Information about the Property
 - Small Group Work: Identifying Issues and Defining Success
 - January 20th, 2016:
 - Presentation of Draft Plans
 - Small Group Work: Respond to Draft Plan
 - February 17th, 2016:
 - Open House Presentation of Proposed Plan
 - Public Comments
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
 - March 10th, 2015:
 - Presentation of Plan to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Givens:

- The Larry Ochs Sports Complex park site shall be developed as a Sports Complex as identified in the City of Colorado Springs 2015-2025 Parks, Recreation & Trails Master Plan.
- The Larry Ochs Sports Complex site was purchased with Parkland Dedication Ordinance (PLDO) funding, for \$2.6 Million in 2003, expressly for the purpose of a sports complex.
- The Larry Ochs Sports Complex is zoned PK.
- The project will be constructed as funds are available: The Scott Hall Field of Dreams Foundation (SHFOD) will be raising funds to pay for the construction of the Sports Complex

Givens:

- The facility will be designed to offer affordable recreational opportunities and be self sustainable for operation and maintenance of the Facility. (Revenue and expense neutral)
- The recommended master plan will be submitted to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for approval.
- Fish and Wildlife must approve any changes or impacts to Preble's Meadow Jumping Mouse Habitat
- Many groups and individuals are interested in and encouraged to help develop the best possible master plan for the Larry Ochs Sports Complex; all voices will be equal in the decision-making process.

Meeting Ground Rules:

- Say what you think
- Make sure that everyone in your group has an equal chance to voice his or her perspective
- Listen carefully and with respect to the opinions and beliefs of others
- Be open to compromise



Why do we need this facility now:

- What we heard during the Park System Master Plan process
 - Need for additional sports complexes
 - Need for youth sport facilities
 - Over 7,000 youth participates in Parks Department sports
 - Unique Opportunities to Partner
 - Feasibility Study supports timing of development

Who are Larry Ochs and Scott Hall:



Formation of the Scott Hall Field of Dreams Foundation:

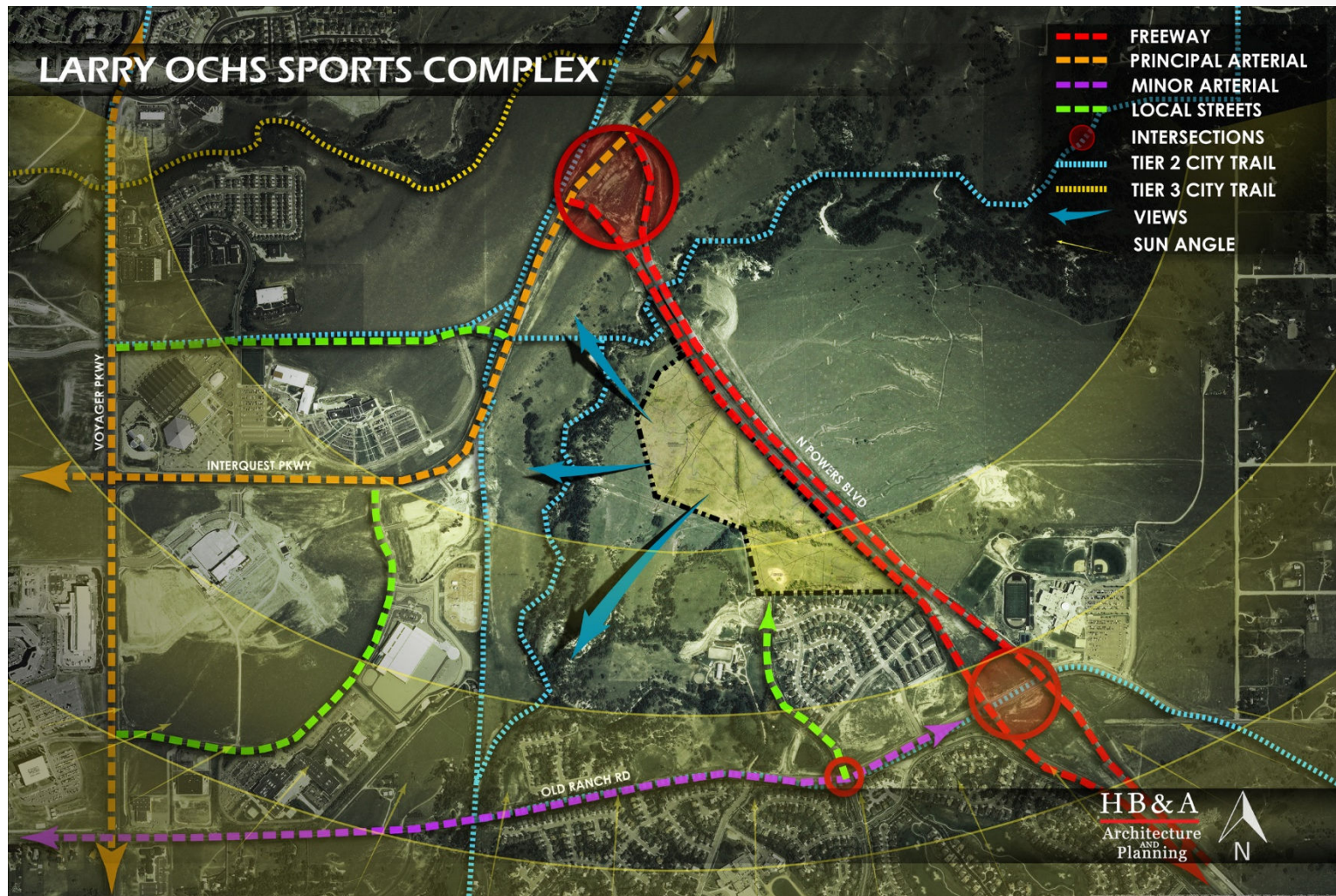
- The **vision** of the Scott Hall Field of Dreams Foundation is to develop the Larry Ochs Sports Complex as the premier youth sports complex in Southern Colorado, operating as a non-profit, self-sustaining, volunteer organization embraced and supported by the community
- Our **goal** is to accomplish this through a cooperative effort of private and public resources, design, develop, construct, and maintain a sports complex on Colorado Springs' North side that specifically serves the youth sports segments, while also serving the broader community through traditional park facilities and amenities.

Community need for the Facility:

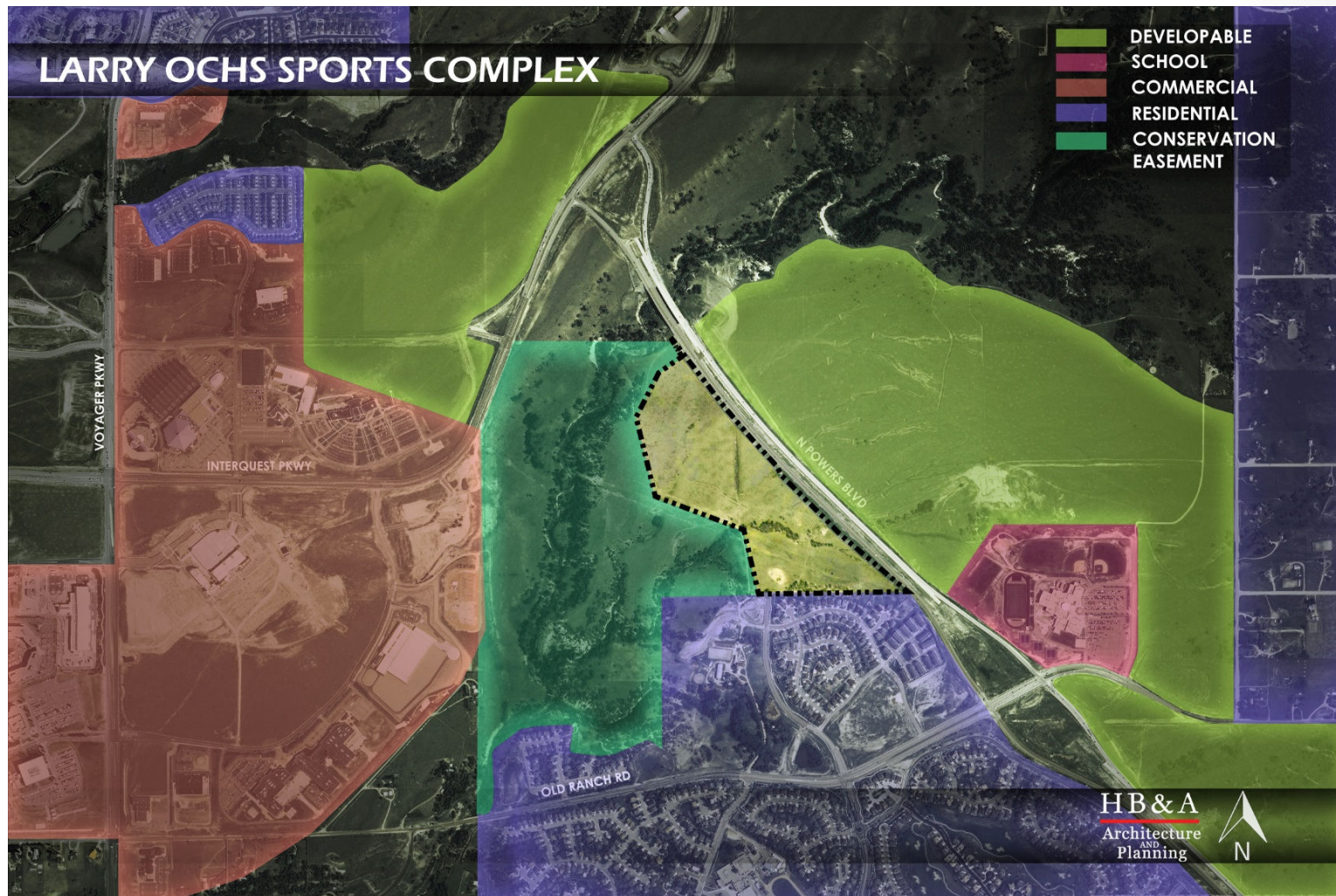
- Demographic Profile: (Within a 30-minute Drive time)
 - Total Population: 617,056
 - Under 18: 153,908 (24.9%)
- Total Participation in Selected Team Sports (Ages 6-17):
 - Baseball: 5,913
 - Basketball: 8,219
 - Field Hockey: 312
 - Football: 5,249
 - Gymnastics: 1,171
 - Lacrosse: 632
 - Rugby: 106
 - Soccer (Indoor): 1,483
 - Soccer (Outdoor): 4,484
 - Softball: 2,390
 - **Total: 34,366**



Site Analysis:

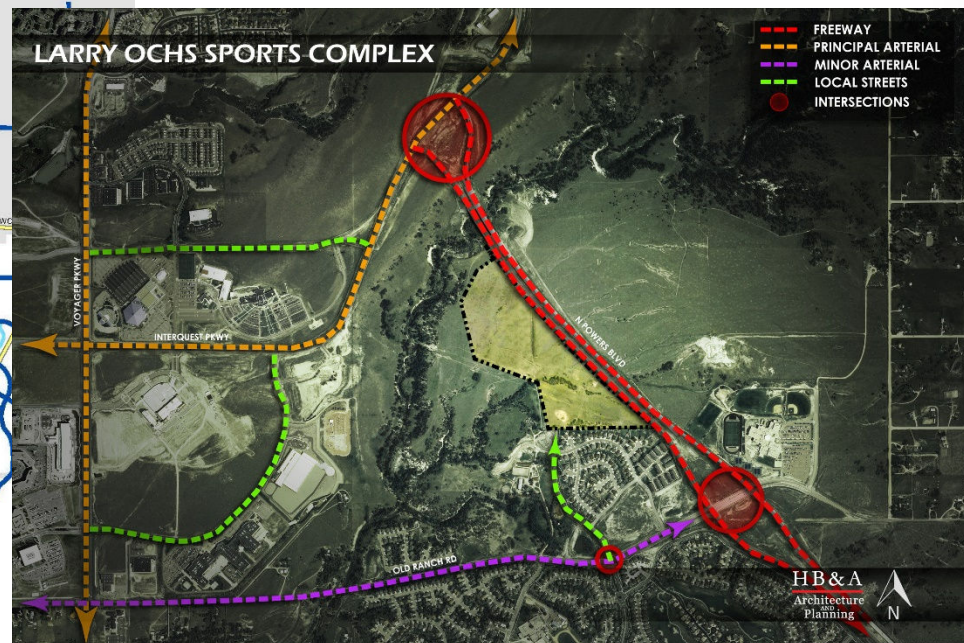
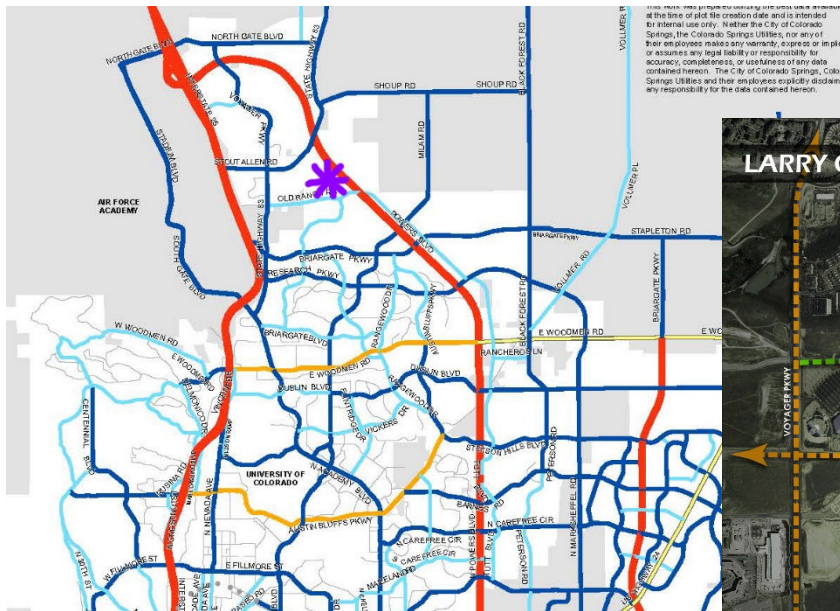


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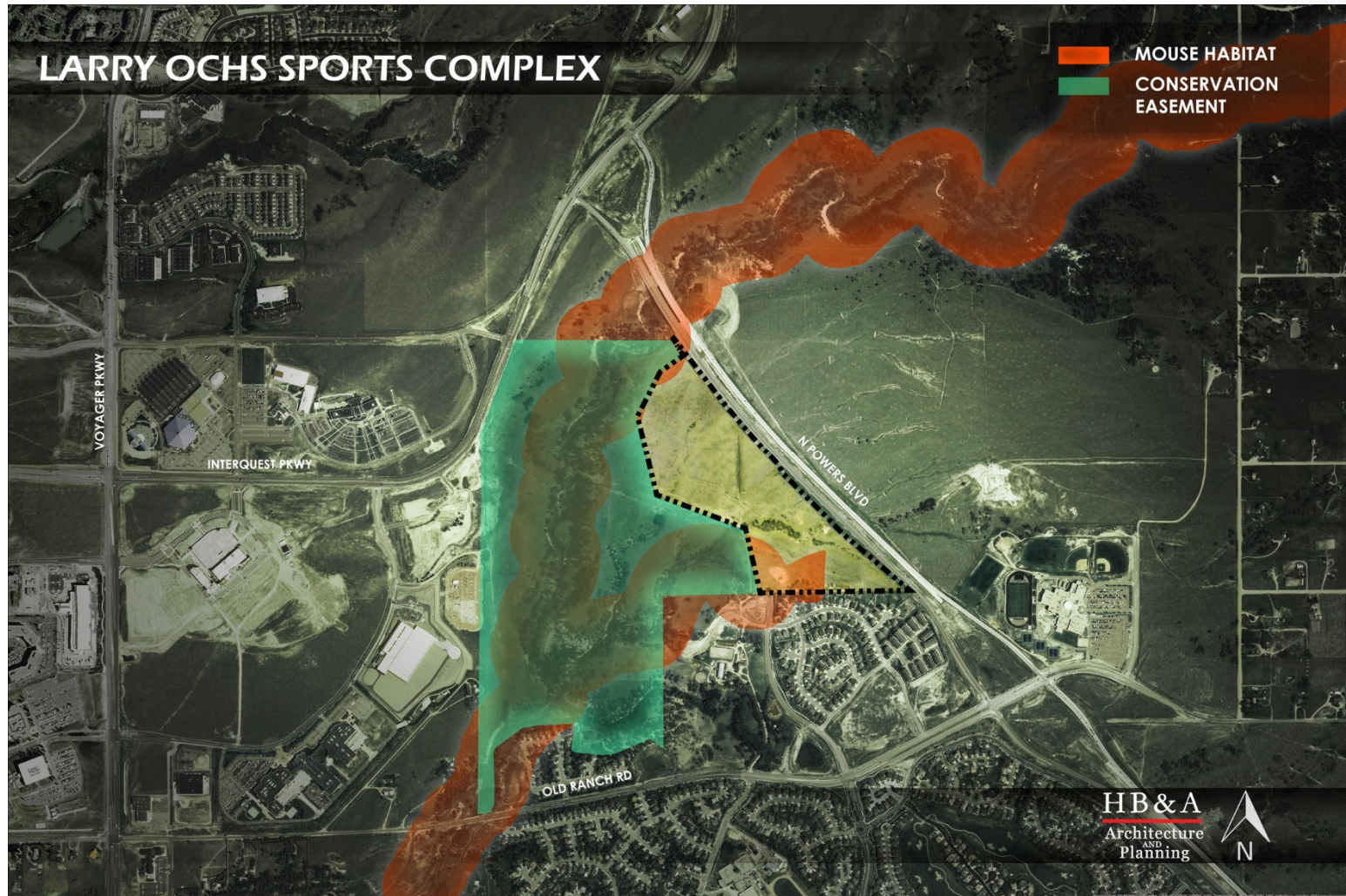


Traffic:

- Classification of Street
- Carrying Capacity
- Intent of overall neighborhood master plan.



Preble's Meadow Jumping Mouse Habitat:



Design Considerations

- Parking requirements
- Field orientation
- Types of uses
- Mix of fields
- Artificial Turf
- Size of fields
- Field Lighting
- User needs and experience
- Site context
- Water Quality
- Traffic
- Programming
- Signage / Wayfinding

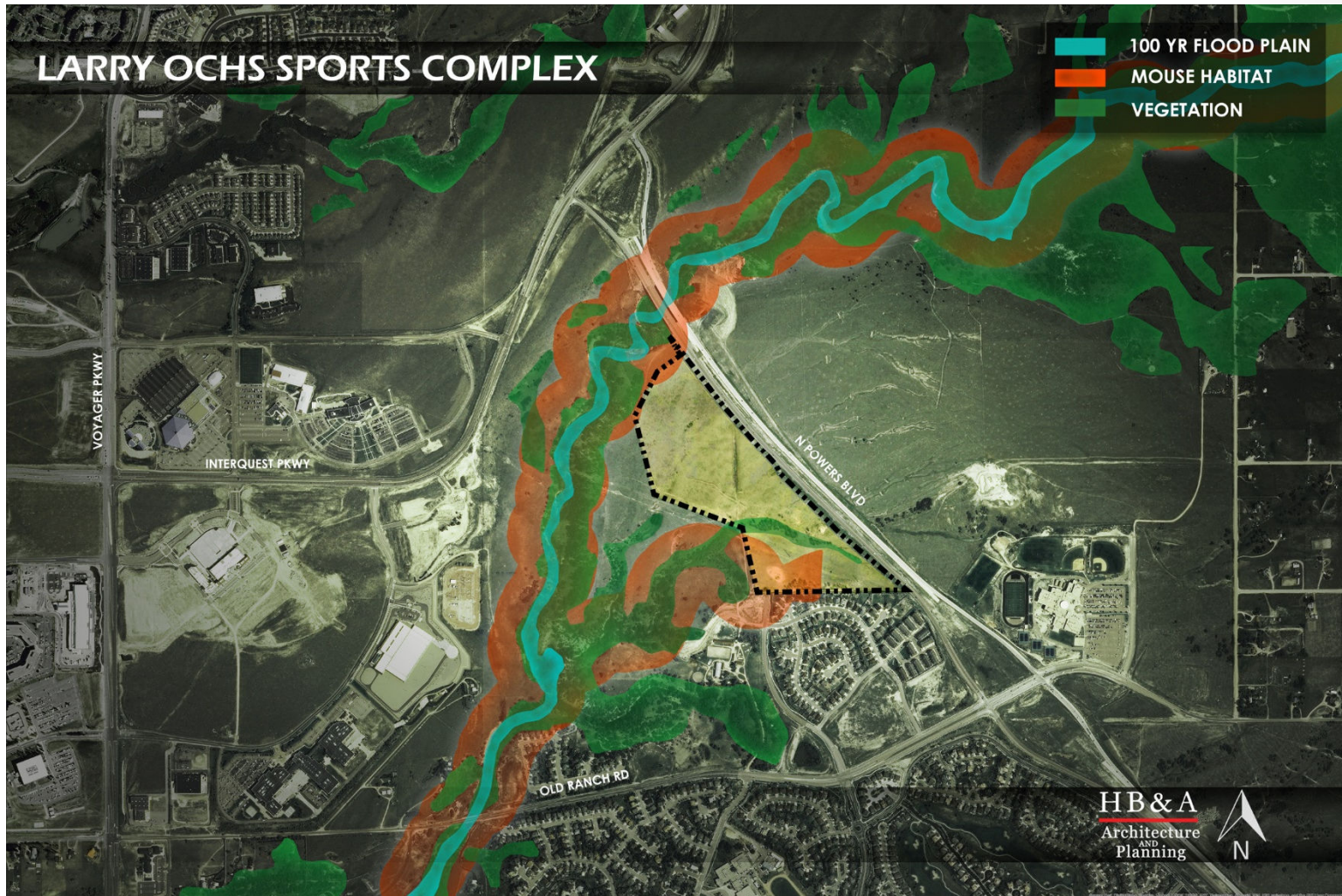
Parking Best Practices:

- Over the years we have seen an increased demand for parking within our Community Parks and Sports Complexes.
- This change is a result of the shifting dynamics of families
 - Families not coming together in one vehicle – with busy schedules the meeting spot becomes the fields
 - More involvement from extended families, i.e. grandparents, aunts, uncles, family friends
- Per Baseball Field: 55-80 Parking Spots
- Per Soccer Field: 55-80 Parking Spots
- Parking Spots to be provided for overflow parking

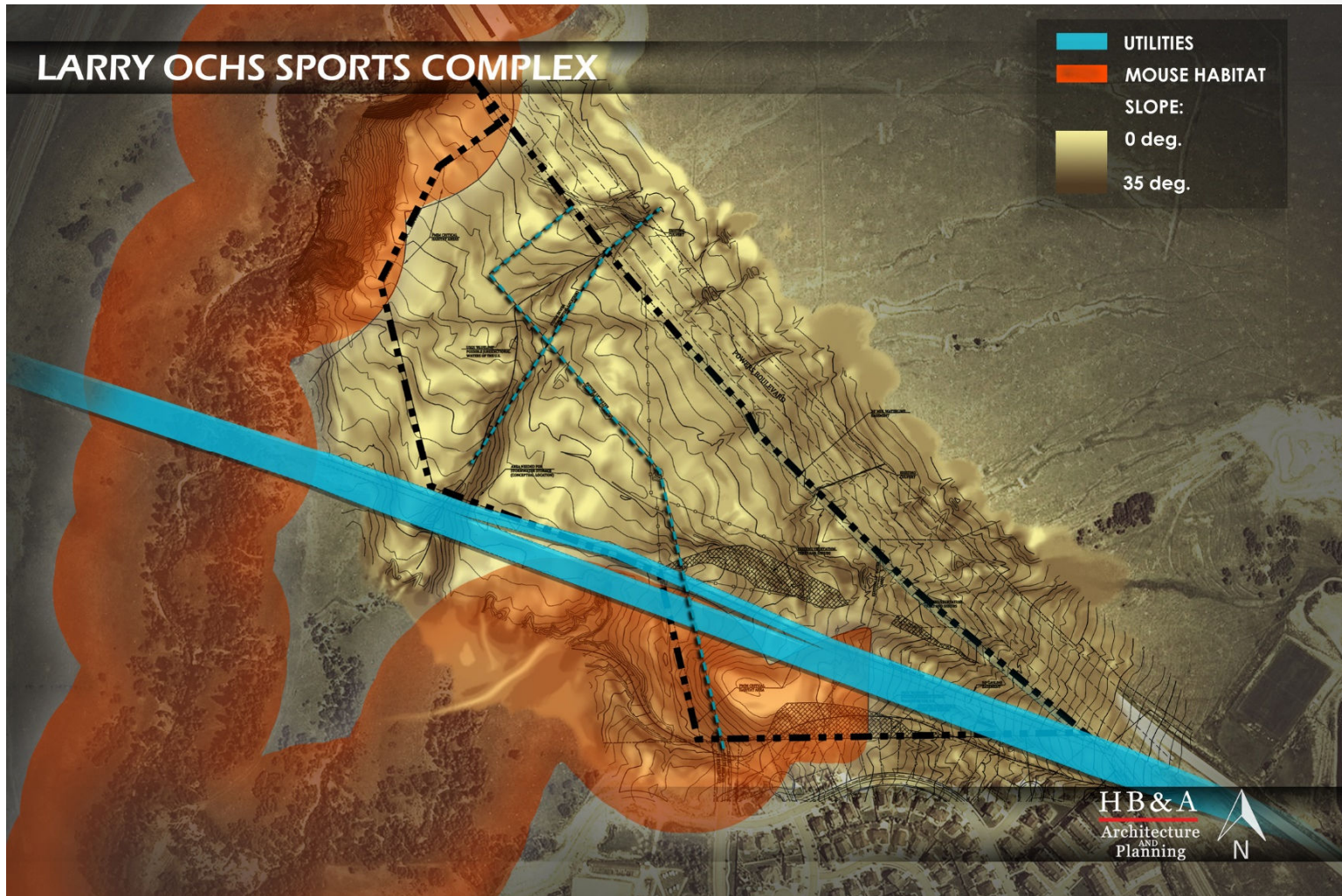
Opportunities:

- Strong Surrounding Community
 - Neighborhoods, School, Sport Organizations
- Very Visible Location
- Larger Park Site than Neighborhood Parks; more opportunities for variety in park components.
- Spectacular Views
- Education Opportunities with the Wetlands and the Preble's Meadow Jumping Mouse Habitat.

Constraints:



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What does Success Look Like?

- Providing a Sports Complex that meets the needs of the community and the Citizens of Colorado Springs
- Provide a Sports Complex consistent with the Parks System Master Plan
- Design of the Sports Complex will address:
 - Community values and addresses community concerns
 - Spaces that are inclusive for all users
 - Sensitive to the site context
 - A Fun Environment that the community can enjoy
- The Sports Complex must be financially sustainable over time
- Economic Benefits community wide

What does Success Look Like?



HB&A

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Small Group Workshop:

1. Find a tent card number.
2. Select a note taker from your group.
3. Select a spokesperson from your group.

Small Group Questions:

1. On the individual forms: Please list out the issues/concerns that you individually have about this project that you would like addressed during the master plan process.
2. Working as a group: What 3 issues/concerns are the most important for the Master Plan team to consider for this planning process.
3. Working as a group: What are the top three attributes about this project that your group is most excited about?

Wrap up/Next Steps:

- Next Community Meeting:
 - January 20, 2016
 - Pine Creek High School
 - 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- Information available on website:
 - <https://coloradosprings.gov/larryochs>